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For: Method and System for Exchange of Node Characteristics for Data Sharing in Peer-to-Peer Data Networks

Enclosed are also:

Pages of Specification including an Abstract 30

Pages of Claims

 $\frac{X}{X}$ $\frac{X}{X}$ $\frac{X}{X}$ $\frac{X}{X}$ Sheet(s) of Drawings Formal

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